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**subject : U.S. Serial No. 09/686,178**  
**"Method and Apparatus for Bit Level**  
**Network Data Multiplexing"**

Dear Sir:

Attached to this coversheet is a Rule 1.116 Amendment for filing in the above-referenced U.S. patent application.

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**IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE**

**PATENT APPLICATION**

In re application of:  
Scott Brown et al.

Application No.: 09/686, 178

Filed: October 11, 2000

For: METHOD AND APPARATUS FOR BIT  
LEVEL NETWORK DATA MULTIPLEXING

Conf. No.: 4704

Group Art: 2661

Examiner: Moore, Ian N.

**RULE 1.116 AMENDMENT**

Commissioner for Patents  
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Sir:

Responsive to the Final Office Action dated October 28, 2004, and the telephone interview of January 26, 2005, between Examiner Moore and Larry Shrout, applicants have provided herein amendments to the claims as discussed in the interview and arguments in support of the claims as amended and thereby respectfully request favorable reconsideration and allowance of the claims:

**Listing of the Claims** begins on page 2 of this paper.

**Remarks/Arguments** begin on page 4 of this paper.